

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) Portable sampling lance for rapid and non-destructive sampling of unpacked bulk food comprising:
a head portion with a chamber, said chamber having an intake opening covered by a grid,
a duct connected to said head portion,
a collecting device connected to said duct,
a suction device connected to said duct,
wherein said head portion has a front end and a rear end and wherein the intake opening of the chamber is oriented towards the rear end of the head portion.
2. (Original) Sampling lance according to claim 1, the grid has a mesh size of between 0.2 mm and 3 mm.
3. (Currently amended) Sampling lance according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the head portion further comprising a vibrating means.
4. (Currently amended) Sampling lance according to ~~any one of~~ the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the head portion is substantially

spearhead shaped.

5. (Currently amended) Sampling lance according to ~~any one of~~ the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the head portion is substantially hook shaped.
6. (Currently amended) Sampling lance according to ~~any one of~~ the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the chamber has a substantially conical shape.
7. (Currently amended) Sampling device according to ~~any one of~~ the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the collection device is a filter means.
8. (Currently amended) Sampling lance according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 3 claim 1, wherein the collection device is an electrostatic device.
9. (Currently amended) Sampling lance according to ~~any one of~~ the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the grid is charged electrically.